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	In re Application of Frank Portugal					
			Application Number 09/027,439		Filed 2/20/98	
			COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DIFFERENTIATING AMONG SHIGELLA SPECIES AND SHIGELLA FROM E. For COLI SPECIES			
			Group Art Unit 1634	Examiner Souaya, J.		
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.						
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February 2, 2004 Date

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